

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 were pending in the application. Claims 10-11, 22-23, 25, and 27-28 have been cancelled. Claims 53 and 54 have been added. Claims 1, 12-13, 24, and 26 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-9, 12-21, 24, 26, and 53-54 are now pending in this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner objected to 11-12 and 23-24 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but indicated these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant appreciates Examiner's consideration of these claims.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 1-10, 13-22, and 25-28 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Grabelsky et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,032,242) (hereinafter "Grabelsky").

Applicant respectfully requests examination of added claims 53-54.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of claims 10 and 11. Claim 13 has been amended to incorporate the features of claims 22 and 23. Claim 26 has been amended to incorporate the features of claims 22 and 23. Claim 53 incorporates the features of claims 1, 10, and 12. Claim 54 incorporates the features of claims 13, 22, and 24. Applicant submits that each of these independent claims recites a combination of features deemed allowable by the Examiner. In accordance, claims 1, 13, 26, and 53-54 are believed to patentably distinguish over the cited reference.

Claims 1-9 and 12 are dependent upon claim 1 and claims 14-21 and 24 are dependent upon claim 13, and are therefore believed to patentably distinguish over the cited reference for at least the same reasons.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5681-69200/MJL.

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